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18 August 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, OIE

SUBJECT: NIS Program

1. At the IAC meeting this morning in discussing the NIS Program, or rather the failure of the Pentagon agencies to live up to their commitments, it was decided that the Director would write a letter to the Secretary of Defense to the effect that it would be helpful for the commitments of the military services in fulfilling their obligations to this Program approved by the NSC if they could be allotted, from the general *Defense* budget, special funds and personnel to be devoted only to this work. We are drafting this letter in COAPS.

2. General Cabell said that the NIS Program was started before there was a separate Air Force so he thought the NIS Committee might reexamine the allocation of work to see if the Air Force could carry a larger share. He also thought CIA itself might carry a larger share. Let us know if these factors have been considered or will be considered and the results thereof.

WILLIAM CHERRY, Chief
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and Policy Staff

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: Data for IAC Meeting, 18 August 1950 at 10:00 A.M.

NIS Program

1. Originally the JCS and NSC supported this program for the production of 15 NIS per year which was lowered this year to the rate of 8 per annum. That lower figure, however, as I understand it, was based on the capabilities of the Pentagon agencies rather than on the real needs for NIS on the high priority areas. It means that the high priority area NIS will be completed and placed on a maintenance basis only in 1957 instead of 1952 as originally planned. Will that be adequate for the military services?

2. More recently even that lower rate of production has not been met, as shown in the current report for the last fiscal year and in recent statements from the Services. The quantitative and qualitative existing requirements can be met only if the participants will set up and maintain a fully competent and well-staffed organization in each Agency with the prime mission to fulfil their allocated commitments.

3. Unilateral action not to meet these commitments has a serious effect upon the others and upon the integrated production schedule. We should like the participating members to agree to support the NIS program (a joint responsibility) in an orderly and continuous manner. What is needed is a firm agreement among all contributing agencies to actively support the NIS Program on a long range continuing basis. Can you agree to do this? It will avoid the interruptions of frequent ad hoc requests and I understand that even the first draft of some NIS work was found useful in Korea.

GERMAN SCIENTIST REPORTS

It is understood that State has now completed arrangements for the Nordstrom office of HICOG to supply the reports requested in the letter of 11 July from the Military members.



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TO : Chief, COAPS *m*
THROUGH: AD/ORE
FROM : Chief, D/NIS

DATE: 15 August 1950

SUBJECT: Summary Statement of Requirements for NIS
Program to be used by DCI for IAC Meeting
of 18 August 1950.

1. In compliance with your oral request to D/NIS of 11 August 1950, there follows a summary statement of requirements for the NIS Program:

a. The determination of NIS production requirements which are necessary to satisfy the minimum fundamental interests of national security.

Comment: The current NIS production requirements call for the equivalent of 8 NIS a year. At this rate the NIS on areas of high priority will be completed and placed on a maintenance basis by 1957, or some five years later than the date of 1952 which was originally approved by the JCS and the NSC.

b. Augmentation of the IAC Agency capabilities to meet an agreed to NIS production goal, and related collection and maintenance requirements.

Comment: These capabilities should fully satisfy quantitative and qualitative requirements of the NIS Program. This can be done only by setting up a fully competent and well staffed organization in each Agency whose prime mission is the fulfillment of its allocated commitments under the NIS Program.

c. Agreement among the members of the IAC to support the NIS Program in an orderly and continuous manner, and in accordance with the principle of joint responsibility.

Comment: The IAC Agencies have repeatedly taken unilateral action leading to the diminution of their NIS efforts. This has had immediate and serious effect upon other contributors, upon commitments of CIA, and upon an integrated production schedule. What is needed is firm agreement among all contributing agencies to maintain full NIS capabilities on a long range, continuing basis.

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